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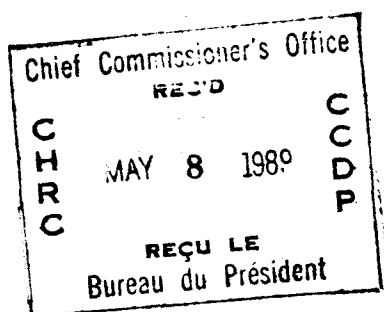
May 2, 1989<sup>X</sup>

Dear Mr. Brown:

If there was any "bewilderment" on my part, it was not during our April 24th meeting, but on receipt of your written assessment of the meeting. You have a very manipulative way with words, Mr. Brown, and, I do not share your assessment of my reactions during that meeting.

I have no intention of commenting on an event which took place in 1981 and one to which I was not party. That was made very clear during our April 24th meeting. My notes of our meeting indicate I also tried repeatedly to convince you that there was nothing I could do, as Coordinator of Portrayal in Programming, regarding what you described as "the obscene treatment you received as an employee", nor your description of "the failure of management to have dealt with this in six years". Moreover, my notes of our meeting indicate that I also stressed that I would do my personal and professional utmost to work with my colleagues in applying CBC policies and guidelines designed to ensure objective and fair on-air portrayal - including that of treatment of health problems.

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I do wish you would give me a chance to get to know these colleagues and work with them on the issue. I am quite aware of your expectations: the guidelines you suggest are interesting and I will give them due thought, time and consideration.

Yours truly,

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